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determination means for determining a device to be used, among plural device provided in said image forming apparatus, based on the process information received by said reception means; and

assignment means for assigning the instance generated by said generation means to the device determined by said determination means.

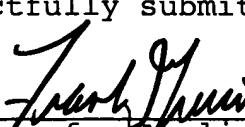
REMARKS

Claims 17-24 have been renumbered in this Preliminary Amendment to correct a claim numbering error in this application.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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VERSION OF CLAIMS MARKED TO SHOW CHANGES

[17.] 16. (Amended) An image forming apparatus capable of communicating with an information processing apparatus, comprising:

reception means for receiving process information from said information processing apparatus;

job generation means for generating a job based on the process information received by said reception means;

binder generation means for generating plural binders based the job generated by said job generation means;

document generation means for generating plural documents based on the binder generated by said binder generation means;

determination means for determining a device to be used, among plural device provided in said image forming apparatus, based on the process information received by said reception means; and

assignment means for assigning the document generated by said document generation means to the device determined by said determination means.

[18.] 17. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim [17] 16, further comprising:

page generation means for generating plural pages based on the document generated by said document generation means;

wherein said assignment means assigns the page generated by said page generation means to the device determined by said determination means.

[19.] 18. (Amended) An apparatus according to claim [18] 17, further comprising:

band generation means for generating plural bands based on the page generated by said page generation means;

wherein said assignment means assigns the band generated by said band generation means to the device determined by said determination means.

[20.] 19. (Amended) A control method for an image forming apparatus capable of communicating with an information processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a reception step of receiving process information from said information processing apparatus;

a job generation step of generating a job based on the process information received by said reception step;

a binder generation step of generating plural binders based the job generated by said job generation step;

a document generation step of generating plural documents based on the binder generated by said binder generation step;

a determination step of determining a device to be used, among plural device provided in said image forming apparatus, based on the process information received by said reception step; and

an assignment step of assigning the document generated by said document generation step to the device determined by said determination step.

[21.] 20. (Amended) A computer program to be executed by a computer of an image forming apparatus capable of communicating with an information processing apparatus, the program comprising:

a reception step of receiving process information from said information processing apparatus;

a job generation step of generating a job based on the process information received by said reception step;

a binder generation step of generating plural binders based the job generated by said job generation step;

a document generation step of generating plural documents based on the binder generated by said binder generation step;

a determination step of determining a device to be used, among plural device provided in said image forming

apparatus, based on the process information received by said reception step; and

an assignment step of assigning the document generated by said document generation step to the device determined by said determination step.

[22.] 21. (Amended) A computer readable memory medium storing the computer program according to claim [21] 20.

[23.] 22. (Amended) An image forming apparatus capable of communicating with an information processing apparatus, comprising:

reception means for receiving process information from said information processing apparatus;

job generation means for generating a job based on the process information received by said reception means;

generation means for generating process units of a hierarchic structure based on the job generated by said job generation means;

determination means for determining a device to be used, among plural device provided in said image forming apparatus, based on the process information received by said reception means; and

assignment means for assigning the process unit generated by said generation means to the device determined by said determination means.

[24.] 23. (Amended) An image forming apparatus capable of communicating with an information processing apparatus, comprising:

reception means for receiving process information from said information processing apparatus;

job generation means for generating a job based on the process information received by said reception means;

generation means for generating an instance of a hierarchic structure based on the job generated by said job generation means;

determination means for determining a device to be used, among plural device provided in said image forming apparatus, based on the process information received by said reception means; and

assignment means for assigning the instance generated by said generation means to the device determined by said determination means.